Dear Howard, 11/25/79

Remarkable coincidence that after your welcome call yesterday I came accross records relevant to my PA requests and appeals, defamatory records made defamatory by untruthfulness when perpetual secrecy was expected. I've written Shea. Lil has betyped the letter and is now making a copy of an attachment.

We still expect Rae back tomorrow, not having heard otherwise. Before she was helping me I was not able to keep records of the records I examined. However, recently she has been keeping such records. I date the volume by the date I complete going over it, with a little slip of paper. She posts these somewhere. I think with a 3x5 file.

I'd been going over the records on a need basis only, hit or miss, until some time after I hemorrhaged this past April. Then I used reading the records for the rest periods following outdoor activity and for times when I was too tired to trust myself for other work and didn't feel like it in any event.

Aside from the volumes read earlier, since I began systematic examination I've gone over the entire Commission HQ file and am at about 150 in the HQ assassination file. Actually there are more volumes because the bulkies do not have Section numbers. They are identified as ERFs, with the serial number of the file to which it pertains.

There is some duplication, but my memory for the recent past is not what it was. For the distant past not bad. This appears to be characteristics of the circulatory problem that had reduced the flow of blood to parts of the brain.

I've been following the practise of making copies of records that refer to me. Rae then compares them with those provided under PA. My PA requests are of the entire Department of Justice and all 59 FBI field offices. The copies from other files are kept separate from those provided under PA.

I fear that once I file suit records will be destroyed. This has happened, with important and unique records. When I've asked for protection from the Court I've not gotten it because they assume otherwise, ignoring the record. When I've proven destruction after the case was in court there was not a peep from the judge, except against me and then unreasonably. There is no abuse for which any agency has been called to task by any judge in any of my cases.

I'll be in Wednesday a.m. for a status call in 1996. Jim phoned me yesterday, when he heard about it.

You should know that the usual search does not turn up sensitive records unless the agencies want them to. They are filed outside of the places searched. With the FBI/ I've been trying for years to get searches of the files of the Divisions. First they lied about this, as they'd did about field office files. When proved they lied they merely stonewalled. The judges let them do this. And Shea generally can't stop it because he does not have access to the FBI's files. So getting the withheld records gets to be a bit tricky. I've not yet gotten, for example, copies of their reviews of my books. There is no mention of some in the records disclosed, and I just can't believe there are no records. I have to find documentary proof. They I appeal. And then, generally, nothing happens. A new case of this also is enclosed. Defamatory and false, too.

If you have not read Sullivan's book you should. There are a few minor errors in it, probably from his death before he could proofread, but basically it is accurate if clearly self-serving.

During the day I thought of other things to tell you but I'm not remembering probably because I'm tired and a bit unsteady. I did much hard work yesterday but none today. Only a little light work outside. But it made me unsteady. ...Look forward to seeing you again. Best wishes,